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COVER: 1965 FUTURA CONVERTIBLE



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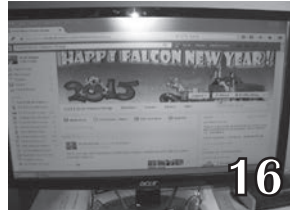
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## President's Message: Cliff McKay



It has certainly been a particularly monstrous winter for many in our FCA ranks. Record snowfalls in short time spans, especially in the northeast portion of the country, have been incredible. Hopefully all have made it through the worst Ol' Man Winter could throw at us. Soon spring will once again be upon us and we can all look forward to those longer days with milder temperatures. Then things really start to pop! I've already marked my calendar with the date of my first car show of the season here in the Great Plains.

Hopefully you've completed those extended major projects or finished those you started during these long winter months. If not, finish up those last minute details and we'll all be back to cruisin' down the boulevard again!

Are you ready for a run to a regional this spring or the National Meet this summer? Don't forget that list of things to take with you, unique things to do, or places to see along the way. I highly recommend creating a personal wish list of needed parts or kits from our vendors or other Falcon friends in the swap area.

Remember that migrating in a flock of Falcons is a great way to travel to outings. Participating in and making new friends is at least half the fun of our local club events. This also helps attract new people to our great cars and eventually to FCA membership. So, please remember to be a good FCA ambassador to all the interesting folks you meet at these events. Invite them to participate in some clean fun we enjoy with each other and our great cars.

Any chapters that have good recruiting ideas, please feel free to share them with other chapters. Be sure to also update your Regional Director, who may in turn share it with other Regional Directors for their chapters.

Reminder: Please get both your 2015 Nationals registration and hotel reservations made very soon. Completing these tasks now will help our chapters organizing the event with funding for all the events and it also builds extra clout with the event hotel management.

Visit with and share your Falcon vehicle(s) with youngsters as the opportunity presents itself. Try to help any of them when you can if they get into a Falcon of their own. Remember to take kids or grandkids—yours or somebody else's—to a car show or two this year. Keep the Falcon legacy alive!

Take care. May God bless. Hope you all have a wonderful spring to get those birds sleek and showy. Have fun working safely on 'em and checking them out for spring cruises as your local weather conditions permits. Falcon On!

—Cliff McKay (FCA #7987)  
Peck, Kansas



# The Dirty Bird

If any of you are drag racing fans, I thought that I would share this link with you. In it, there is an interview with the guys who have modified this Falcon followed by a clip of the Falcon on the race track in Denton, Texas. After I viewed this video, a list of others popped up. Happy bird watching.

— Bob Karpenko (FCA #6994)

**You Tube** [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDldwiVYtgi&feature=youtube\\_gdata\\_player](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDldwiVYtgi&feature=youtube_gdata_player)



This 1968 Ford Falcon running on 275 drag radials lays down around 2600 horsepower through its 449 CI small block Ford with a pair of 88 mm turbos. Watch it tear down the track at the North Star Dragaway x275 race in Denton, Texas.

## COMING SOON:

A unique look into the Shelby American Collection in Boulder, Colorado, along with an article on the 1963 Falcon Sedan Delivery that Shelby used in 1963-64 to tow the Cobra race cars.

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*The Rainier Chapter* of the FCA, located in the Seattle, Washington area, is hosting its Fourth Annual 2015 Mini-Regional Falcon Meet on July 26th. This meet is a cooperative meet between the Rainier Chapter and the Columbia River Chapter and alternates every two years between these two chapters. These chapters are getting their feet wet as they work toward hosting a regional or national meet sometime in the future. In addition to the training these chapters are receiving, the annual mini-regional allows Falcon Club members, who otherwise live too far away to attend monthly meetings, a chance to meet-up with others within the chapter. It is also a great way to invite potential members into the club.

Last year the first-time host Rainier Chapter saw over 50 cars attending the Griot's Garage venue in Tacoma, Washington. This wonderful location has capacity for

almost 200 cars. Hoping to have more cars this year, they've moved up the date a couple of months to attract those with children who are out of school. This year they plan to step it up a notch and offer a hot dog and brats cookout as well as a larger raffle prize selection. There is no cost to attend this meet and a modest fee for a hot dog lunch. Raffle tickets for the many wonderful raffle items, some one-of-a-kind custom-made items, are \$1 or six for \$5.

You can go to their web site at [rainierfalcons.com](http://rainierfalcons.com) to learn more about the meet or just to have a look around. This little chapter in the great Northwest has a very active user forum and is a helpful group Falcon owners. You can also search for Rainier Falcons Car Club on Facebook.

—Roger Moore (FCA #8144)  
Lynnwood, Washington





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1962 Falcon Sedan Delivery, burgundy, 200 six cylinder four speed. Runs good, looks good and has a back seat and sun roof. Four lug Cragars, \$8,500. Email Toby at [twconst76@gmail.com](mailto:twconst76@gmail.com). IN.

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1964 Futura convertible, black with red interior. Rebuilt 302, factory four speed with Mustang transmission, Granada front disc brakes, power steering, AM/FM, nice interior with console, good paint, body and floors. Nice working white power top. New gas tank and sending unit but gas gauge not dependable. Original and modified hood. Drive it home. \$14,500 OBO. Frank, 423-965-2399 or [Anoldhippy@yahoo.com](mailto:Anoldhippy@yahoo.com). TN.



1965 Ford Falcon Futura two door Hardtop, 289 CID V8 engine with four-speed transmission, bench front seat, glass and interior good condition. New radiator, fuel pump, clutch, Dual master cylinder, raised letter radial tires and 15" wheels with Ford wire spinner hubcaps. New dual exhaust system and brakes. Body is in good condition; starter replaced, new uninstalled headliner material, uninstalled trunk mat with spare tire cover, heater core, fuel pump, installed front and back seat belts. Runs good; it was originally a New Mexico car. Asking \$8,500 OBO; all reasonable offers considered. Joe Lewis, 313-467-9290 or glewis2@mi.rr.com. MI.



1965 Falcon Futura four door wagon, 351 Windsor engine, C4 transmission, nine inch rear end. New: brakes, steering gear box, intake, curb-headers, exhaust system and extra parts. Needs tailgate glass; all other glass excellent. \$10,500 OBO. For specific details call Leon, 503-429-7105 or email leetorger@yahoo.com. OR.

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1965 Falcon Sedan Delivery, \$4,000. 1965 Falcon Futura HT, \$1,200. 1965 Falcon Futura HT, \$600. 1968 Falcon two door sedan, \$500. 1965 Falcon two door hardtop, \$700. 1960 Comet two door V8, \$800. 1976 Ranchero GT, \$7,500. Call Don Branson, 636-228-4501 or email dbranson@mail.win.org. MO.

Ford Falcon Futura, running and driving two door six cylinder black with red interior. Dave Standley, 206-228-7551 or davestandley@me.com. WA.

## FALCONS WANTED

Wanted: 1960 or 1961 Falcon two door or four door sedan. Also looking for a 1960 or 1961 Falcon wagon, less motor, transmission, rear end. Does not need to be perfect, reasonable. Joanne Ray, 989-426-9725. MI.

1963 Falcon Sprint Hardtop, very clean original or ground up restoration to original. Please no rust or repaired rust, never wrecked, and no history of other major damage. Call Duane, 281-213-9754 or email degme@comcast.net. TX.

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1964 Falcon Futura rear trim panel that has been professionally stripped, restored, polished and bright-dip anodized. All factory argent silver and black accents applied. A beautiful piece, ready for show! Huge upgrade for any prized 1964 Futura, \$695 plus shipping. For detailed pictures and further information, email huiehome@cox.net. Norm Huie, 949-498-8974. CA.

Nice 1963 right front fender, \$50. Bumpers: 1962-63 front, 1960-63 rear, 1966-67 front. All are pretty straight with some light surface rust. Good cores for re-chrome, \$40-\$90. 1960 horn rings, 1964 Sprint horn ring, some pitting, \$15-\$20 each. Original 1963 front parking light housings and lenses, rust free, \$45. 1963-64 power steering/AC parts. Eaton pump and brackets, AC compressor brackets, remote PS reservoir, idle speed kicker brackets and lines, AC idler bracket, crank and water pump pulleys, \$300 for all, will sell piecemeal. Also have several power cylinders, p.c. frame bracket, control valve, two cylinder AC compressors. Front fender splash shields, 1963 and 1964, \$35 each. 1960-63 hood hinges, \$45 pair. C5 transmission, \$75. Garage equipment: oxy-acetylene tanks and torch, vertical-horizontal band saw, Gray-Mills parts washer, Sun distributor machine, 1939 Ingersoll-Rand compressor—a nice addition for vintage garage display and it still works. Lou Williams, 734-679-4994, lew01a@earthlink.net, MI.

1966-70 trunk lock with new Falcon script keys; 1964 and 1965 trunk lock with w/key(s), nice chrome on all, \$125 each. Nice 1962-63 trunk locks, nice chrome, new keys and emblems, \$175; NOS 1960-61 trunk lock with new keys/cylinder; Good used door locks with new keys 1960-63 sedans, \$75 a pair. 1963 convertible/hardtop door locks with new keys and correct linkage, \$150 per set. Glove box lock with new keys and nice bezel, \$50 each; five bolt 13" wheels, \$50 each, set of five for \$200. 13" wire spinner hubcaps number one to four condition, \$110-\$550 per set. Please call Lenny Kellogg at Kellogg's Garage: lenkellogg@lpbroadband.net or 970-593-1964, or visit us at kelloggsgarage.com. CO.

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V8 toploader for tie speed transmissions; all used, sold as is. Rug E-3 28 spline wide ratio; HEH-P 25 spline wide ratio; HEH-G 25 spline wide ratio, narrow bolt pattern, \$600 each plus shipping. Mustang six grand rally Pak Tach only, not tested, \$100. John Simone, 413-527-8502. MA.

Two Ford alternators 60 amps each, complete with a regulator. Asking \$50 OBO for each set, plus shipping. 1964 Falcon V-8 front brakes complete. New 2¼" wide brake shoes, new wheel cylinders, new hoses, new NOS brake drums. All brakes have approximately 250 miles on them. Asking \$200 OBO plus shipping. Lloyd Marshment, 519-542-3684, or grhead@hotmail.com. ONT.

NOS parts: CODZ-3A130-A outer tie rod, \$35. CODZ-3352-B steering arm and bushing, \$75. CODR-7A039-B transmission exterior assembly, \$30. CODF-11654-C headlamp switch, \$45. CODF-7A217-A transmission control switch and wire assembly, \$15. CODZ-7210-B shift selector lever, \$55. Many more parts available. Keith Litteken, 314-480-2556 or kslitteken@aol.com. MO.

1960–63 Falcon Ranchero quarter panels. Rust free and dent free from Arizona. These are the entire quarter panels including the inner wheel wells and bed walls. I will email pictures on request. \$1,400 OBO. Call Nick at 920-475-8589 or email the60scarbuff@gmail.com. WI.

1964 Ford factory under-dash air conditioning unit with SD-507 Sander compressor. Dash unit needs to be restored. Do not have compressor bracket to engine. \$65. Gene Heid, 419-562-4594. OH.

1960 NOS Ford Falcon grille, \$199. 1962–63 NOS Cowl top, \$199. 1963–65

NOS grilles and headlight assembly, \$1,600. 1963 NOS Falcon exhaust bracket, part #C3DZ-5260-A, \$55. 1964–65 Falcon/Comet hardtop, Ranchero, wagon, gold carpets, front and back, \$99. 1964–65 Falcon tail light buckets, good condition, \$45. 1963 Sprint back panel trim, \$75. 1964 Futura back panel, \$75. 1963 Falcon front fender spears, good condition, \$100. Vic Falcone, 518-355-7756 or vfalcon64@aol.com. NY.

For Sale: my entire 35 year collection of Falcon parts for \$50,000 due to health reasons. Bring at least two trailer trucks. I also have several project cars for sale including 1964–65 hardtops and convertibles, 1965 sedan delivery, and 1964 Ranchero. Located 40 miles west of St. Louis Missouri. Don Branson, 4097 Hwy. T, Marthasville Mo 63357. 636-228-4501, cell 636-357-8505. MO.

196 427 heads C3AE-D, date codes 3-A-29, 3-B-11, cleaned and "maged," \$750. 1964 driver side fender. Rust and dent free, \$275. Six cylinder Dagenham four speed transmission, bell housing and shifter, \$500. John Simone, 413-527-8502. MA.

1965 Ford Ranchero parts with prices ranging from \$10 to \$150. Parts removed from a V8 car. Call or email with your needs. Mike 573-735-4355 or mikehays50@gmail.com. MO.

1965 parts removed from six cylinder sedan with 87,000 miles. 200 CI motor and automatic transmission, \$800. Power steering system, \$350. Drive shaft, \$140. Complete rear end, \$250. Four rims, \$160. Motor mounts, \$60. Transmission crossmember, \$40. V8 power steering center link, \$150. Photos of these parts and video of running motor available. Frank Gallucci, fcgallucci@verizon.net, PA.

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Six cylinder dipsticks, \$20 each, 1964–65 Ranchero single side trim set, \$595. Six cylinder exhaust manifolds, good used, correct numbers: CODE, C1DE, C2DE, C3DE, \$95 each. 1961 grilles, driver quality to NOS \$15–\$400. Remanufactured generators for 260 V8, still in their boxes, \$195 each. Good used six-cylinder generators, tested, \$85 each. Heater boxes, no cracks, \$100. Heater motors, good used, \$50 each, tested. Blank shift collars to convert a stick shift to floor shift, \$80 each. We have a 30+ year collection of Falcon and Comet parts. Please call Lenny Kellogg@Kellogg's Garage: lenkellogg@lpbroadband.net or 970-593-1964, or visit us at kelloggsgarage.com. CO.

Fordomatic two-speed rebuilding kits with gaskets, o-rings, lip seals, bronze friction and steel clutches, sealing rings, front and rear seal, \$145 to \$165. Specify engine size and year. Bands \$55 each exchange plus \$25 core charge each, adjustable modulator \$20. Bushings, washers, pumps and miscellaneous hard parts available. Kits, bands and parts available for small, medium case, C4 and C6. David Edwards, 781-449-2065 anytime or autotran.us. MA.

Vinyl sun visors. One black pair out of 1964 Sprint and one white pair out of 1965 Ranchero. Black visors were repainted. \$18 pair. Steve Tontz, 562-595-1876, SteveWT324@aol.com. CA.

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Former FCA president Chuck Beason and FCA member Linda Harrington display the t-shirt quilt Linda made. Chuck's wearable Falcon t-shirt collection is now a little smaller. Chuck will be displaying the quilt throughout this year's Falcon event calendar.



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# State University of New York at Delhi Assists Eckler's in Reproducing the 14" Wire Wheel Cover

Whenever I travel to a Falcon event, I cannot help noticing the number of Falcons with the optional—standard on 1963–64 Sprints—wire spoke wheel covers. I am sure that most of the Falcons sporting the wire wheel covers did not leave the factory with them. The demand for wire wheel covers has driven up their price at Falcon events, swap meets and on eBay. The difficulty and cost has ratcheted up a notch as everyone started switching to 14" wheels because of the lack of 13" tire sizes. Now, 14" wire wheel covers are what everyone desires. The 14" variety was used on Fairlanes and Galaxies, so now to find a good wheel cover you have to compete with not only Falcon owners, but also Fairlane and Galaxie owners as well. Finding a good used 14" wire wheel cover meant passing the hundred dollar mark and good used still probably had bent spokes and some curb rash. Hubcaps tended to take quite a beating so excellent ones are rare. When buying a used wire wheel cover you can also expect to spend many hours straightening spokes and trying to polish out scratches. I have never seen an NOS one so I can only guess as to what amount of money one of those would fetch.

Two years ago I was approached at a local car show and told that Eckler's was planning on reproducing 13" and 14" wire wheel covers for 1960s vintage Fords. I mentioned the shift to 14" rims and personally thought that 13" were not worth investing in. I also mentioned that if and when they were produced, I would be interested in purchasing a set and felt that many other Falcon owners would also be interested. The fact that Fairlane, Galaxie and Mustang owners also desired these caps made the cost of reproduction feasible.



About a year after I was first approached by Eckler's, I was inquiring about when the hubcaps would become available and I was informed that the project was on hold because they could not find original drawings to use for the manufacturing. I mentioned that I had retired from the University of New York at Delhi, a technical college that had the ability

to produce the CAD file drawing. I emailed my colleague at Delhi and he was willing to assign the project to one of his students. So I picked up an original hubcap from Eckler's, took it home and separated the hub cap into three pieces. The three pieces consisted of the outer spoke ring, inner spoke ring and the clamp ring that secures the hubcap to the wheel. The pieces were forwarded to Delhi and the drawing was completed in June 2013. The CAD file was sent to a company in Indiana. They made the dies that would be used for stamping the two spoke pieces using the drawings done by the young lady from Delhi. Obviously we at Delhi are very proud of the contribution made by our college.

I was truly impressed when I saw the prototype wire wheel cover. It is a near perfect copy of the original. Studying the prototype side by side with an original, one clue as to which one is the reproduction is the straight spokes and no curb rash. The hubcap fits the rim exactly like the original. The wire wheel covers are available from MAC's. Reproduction spinners and center emblems are also available. A kit consisting of four hubcaps, four spinners and four emblems can be purchased or each piece can be purchased individually.

—Dick Harrington (FCA #12563)  
Titusville, Florida

*Wire wheel cover installed on my 1963 Sprint Convertible.*



*New reproduction 14" wire wheel cover.*



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## Reading Tires Doesn't Require a Decoder

By Bill Anderson, originally printed in *Old Cars Weekly News*, Volume 42, Number 4. Printed with permission.

"When it comes to determining the age of a tire, it is easy to identify when it was manufactured by reading its Tire Identification Number (TIN) which is like a serial number," reported *The Falcon Times*, Volume 5, Issue 5, Northeast Chapter of the Falcon Club.

The article, submitted by Jeff Yates, shows how to read the TIN. To simplify the explanation, tires made since 2000 have a long number such as DOT U2LL LMR 5107. "The week and year the tire was produced has been provided by the last four digits...with the two digits being used to identify the week immediately preceding the two digits used to identify the year."

Ergo, the TIN ends with "5107" which means it was made in the 51st week of the year, and that year was 2007. By regulation, the number must appear on one sidewall of each tire.

Tires made before 2000 have a shorter TIN. Example: DOT EJ8J DFM 408 references the fact that the tire was made in the 40th week of the year, and the eighth year of that decade.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT

**L**ocal Falcon Clubs all across America hold monthly or bi-monthly meetings. They are held at businesses, restaurants, museums and parks. Some cruise together to their destinations. Garage get-togethers and tech days provide opportunities to learn from the experts. Holidays are a reason to get together and celebrate. Lasting friendships are formed through local clubs and trips together. There are many scenarios but all have one common interest—the Ford Falcon. Every Falcon owner is encouraged to join and be active in a local chapter. Your involvement will strengthen these groups and will enhance your experience of Falcon ownership.



*Third Coast Chapter from Houston, Texas had a great turnout at 2014 Cruisin' The Coast in October, an event featuring cruise-ins, headline bands, entertainment, a swap meet, auction and of course, plenty of Falcons!*  
Photos by Todd Gaudin.



*Mid America Chapter held their September meeting at Slow Rider Roadhouse (photos below) in Lawrence, Kansas and their October meeting at Happy Days Dream Cars in Warrensburg, Missouri (immediately above and left).*





# YOUR LOCAL FALCON CLUB?



The Carolinas Chapter Falcon Club recently toured Huffman's Museum, a private car collection in Granite Falls, North Carolina. It is the largest private collection of Lincolns in the country with every model year built from 1936 to 1951. The museum has two Falcons—a 1962 sedan and a 1963 Futura convertible.

They hold an annual Roadkill Chili Cookoff each year. Members can cook up their best chili to share and compete for the coveted Roadkill "Tums" Chili Trophy.

An annual Cruise-In and luncheon are a favorite combined event of the Carolinas Chapter and Star City Chapter. They cruise to Shatley Springs, a North Carolina

landmark destination featuring famous spring water, beautiful mountain scenery, and an inn with great country cooking.

All of these events sound interesting and include fun and fellowship with fellow Falconers. If you have an interesting event or meeting your chapter has held, we'd love to hear about it.



*Members from the Carolinas Chapter tour Huffman's Museum, an invitation-only visit to the country's largest private collection of Lincolns. Photos from The Falcon Flyer.*



*The Carolinas Chapter March meeting and Chili Cookoff was held at Rick Earnhardt's Garage (left) in Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina. Michael Clay was the winner in 2014 of the coveted Roadkill "Tums" Chili Trophy (above).*



# Classified Advertising

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Wanted for 1964 Ford Falcon Futura convertible: convertible top weather stripping RETAINERS. I have the weather stripping and I am looking for the six metal retainers—three for each side. 512-497-6834 or Charles\_Burgess@Dell.com. TX.

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1963 taillight rubber grommet; 1963 wood simulated Sprint steering wheel; 1963 Ranchero or station wagon gas cap; 1962 tunnel hump for four speed. John Baker, 914-782-3173. PA.

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## INFORMATION WANTED

I would like to know the paint color or owner's contact information of the orange convertible pictured on the back cover of the May 2014 TNFN issue. John Baker, 914-782-3173. PA.

I recently purchased a 1965 Falcon two door wagon project car. The previous owner had put a 351W in it. I want to restore this car of my dreams, but I have a lot of questions on restoring and upgrades. An owner's manual and electrical schematics are first on my list. I'd like to know what parts are recommended, where to purchase them, and how to install them. I'd like to install power steering, power brakes, disc brakes, power door locks, A/C, and seat belts. Car was stripped to the core, but all parts are supposed to be there. Steps to re-chroming, where to purchase chrome body trim, where to find window rubber gaskets, wire harness, and how to install harness are



other questions. I sure would appreciate any help I can get so I do not have to reinvent the wheel. Paul, rbirr@slb.com. UT.

## MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

My name is Jean Kostal and I'm an artist. For a Christmas gift, I illustrated my father-in-law's 1965 Ford Falcon, personalized it with his license plate and framed it in a retro frame. I'm very interested in illustrating other members' cars. If you'd like to see pieces of my work, please visit my website, kostaldesigns.com.

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# FCA Embraces Social Media—

Internet savvy FCA members likely are already familiar with the TFFN.net website, a great resource that is chock full of Falcon technical information and cars. If you have not seen it, check it out and I think you'll love it!

Social media is an ever-changing phenomena, primarily Facebook. There are numerous Facebook pages that involve the Ford Falcon. When Jeff Chambers started the Ford Falcon Owners Group, FFOG, on Facebook in late 2012, he was hoping to build a network of 20 or 30 Falcon owners who could exchange pointers on

restoring his Falcon. Note: FFOG is not affiliated with the FCA. Never in his wildest dreams did he think it would grow to over 4200 members. Members involved with FFOG live as far away as Tokyo, Argentina, England, Australia, and Israel. The Argentina connection to FFOG has come on strong as of late, a very interesting group of inline six,

performance-oriented enthusiasts.

The FFOG is currently managed by three newer members of the FCA. Founder Jeff Chambers who is assisted by Dee Moratto Bowes, and Doug Stump.



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FFOG's Facebook page welcomed viewers to a "Happy Falcon New Year 2015."



Doug Stump, seen here in his 1964 Sprint convertible, uses his talents to lead and promote Ford Falcon Owners Group, known as FFOG.



# FFOG Facebook Group at Kansas City Nationals

By Scot Thayer

Jeff lives in Fayetteville, Georgia. He has an extensive background as a mechanic and race car builder and driver, and is currently employed by Advance Auto Parts. He has owned a couple of other Falcons in the past and is the present owner of a very nice 1964 four door, fondly nicknamed "Buttercup." Dee Moratto Bowes and husband Bill live in Tellico Plains, Tennessee with children Grace and Noah. Dee is manager and waitress of the local restaurant Tellicafe. She and Bill had a 1964 Sprint several years ago, and in 2011 she picked up a 1964 Sport Futura, fondly nicknamed "Cream Puff." She's hoping to have her gem in shape for the upcoming FCA National Meet. Doug Stump and wife Shelly live in Boise, Idaho, where he is employed as a service engineer for HP Printing. This connection has given Doug access to numerous printing processes, and he has used his talent to develop and sell FFOG decals and calendars, with proceeds used to fund FFOG giveaways. Doug is proud owner of a 1964 260 four speed Sprint, and is seeking a local FCA Chapter.

FFOG includes several members of the FCA and is responsible for having recruited several new members

to the FCA, including Jeff, Dee, and Doug. The page was fast approaching 2000 members early in summer of 2014, so it was decided to put together an informal gathering place for FFOG members to meet at the 2014 FCA Nationals in Kansas City. After receiving permission from the FCA, a parking lot tent with simple signage was set up, along with a sign-in board. A group photo was scheduled and taken on Friday, and a good time was had by all! It was a great way for FCA/FFOG members, new and old, to meet and interact. FFOG was represented by Dee Moratto Bowes at her first—and definitely not her last—FCA National.

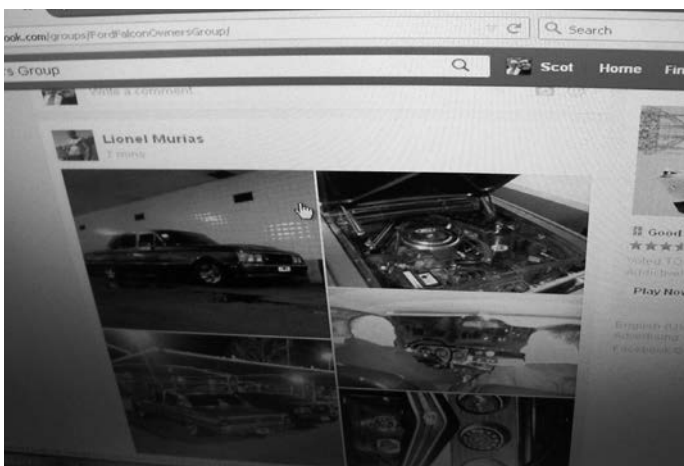
The popularity of FFOG was noticed by the FCA officers, resulting in the newly created position of Social Media Director. Mark Sword, Jr. has accepted this position, charged with exposing the FCA to Facebook and Twitter.

If you happen to be involved with Facebook, check out and join the numerous Falcon pages, including Ford Falcon Owners Group and Falcon Club of America.

—Scot Thayer (FCA #5509)  
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Dee Moratto Bowes and Jeff Chambers are two of the current FFOG managers.



Ford Falcon Owners Group Facebook page offers Falcon advice, photos, information, and much more.

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# BUYER BEWARE!

By Bill Honor



has revolutionized how people present, buy and sell cars all over the world. Since its start in 1995 in San Jose, California, it has been an internet sensation. I would like

to address whether I think you should you buy a car or sell a car on eBay. I have, like many people, had an array of experiences with eBay transactions and would like to present a few case in points for you to ponder.

My chapter begins with a 1966 Ford Falcon Station Wagon we purchased for \$1500. The car had no title and was sold on a bill of sale. You should be aware that in some states cars over a certain age have no titles and sell on a bill of sale as this one did. As we would soon discover, the car's advertising photos had certainly had a bit of trickery done to them.

As the delivery vehicle arrived, I immediately saw peeling paint on the roof, a defect never evident in any of the pictures. I had been too lazy to visit the car in person, so I had to be a man, buck up and except the consequences. The interior on the car was horrid, also never mentioned in the ad. On the good side though, the engine was slightly built up with a better carburetor and the manifold was newer than the car. Once we put the transmission linkage on properly, it ran like a champ. My son said, "half the fun is seeing what you get when it gets here—kind of like a grab bag." We had fun and turned a disappointment into a fun ride as we were able to "take a lemon and turn it into lemonade." The car even made it to the cover of the *The National Falcon News* in April 2008. A photo of that cover can be found on page 21.

A few years later, we bid on a car with few photos and little information, and again waited to see what surprises would await when it arrived on the transport vehicle. This purchase was a 1967 red Falcon Sport Coupe with black interior. The seller had stated that the paint was great but hadn't disclosed that the clear coat over the paint was very bad. Soon after, the sander readied it for a new paint job. The car came from a cold climate but surprisingly was rust free. We did have to install new front floors—not a big surprise for a Falcon. The car engine was great as stated; the transmission was not and had not been stated as such. Once we went through it, put the valve body in correctly, adjusted the linkage, and put a new vacuum hose on it, she was up and running. Mismatched upholstery had to go, so we ordered new and replaced it ourselves to save money. When finished, she looked pretty good...if I say so myself. She can be seen in *TNFN's* July 2012 issue. We paid around \$2,000 for the car and it was a fun car to own.

Of all the cars I have bought on eBay the next one was the strangest, from the purchase price to the overhaul's completion. There were few photos in the ad and it only listed the bad things about the car. The price was \$666.66.

The tops of both front fenders by the headlights were totally rusted away but the rest of the car was rust free. We got in it and just drove it away—a rarity in my previous experiences. Neither the fact that the interior was original and beautiful nor that the tires were brand new had been mentioned in the ad. This 1968 four door Seafoam Green Falcon was a great deal and once we put new metal in the front fenders we had a good little car.

Sometimes when you're selling on eBay, you can believe you've sold the same car multiple times before you actually get a final sale. On a two door 1961 silver Ford Falcon, the first bidder never materialized. The second showed up said, "I thought I could find things wrong and get the price down. I bid too much." He left with an empty trailer. The third gentleman was first-rate; he paid, loaded the car, left and was smiling as he drove away...and so was I. The car can be seen on the cover of *TNFN* issue April 2010.

An interesting purchase was a 1968 Falcon with mini-tubed air ride suspension, built-up six, chrome steering column tilt, and aluminum radiator which we were told needed finishing. This car "laid rockers." For us old guys, that means it sits on the ground on its rockers when air is purged out. This 1968 Falcon was a surprise from the start. On the way the driver called me saying, "It's starting to rain and I need to roll up the windows. By the way, did you know there is no window in the passenger door?" Oh boy, this one was a bewilderment before it even arrived. "Runs and drives good," the ad said.

When she arrived, we couldn't drive it off the truck. After a battery charge, we managed to drive it around a few blocks, only to watch the temperature rise. The new radiator the owner bragged about was too small. So a hunt ensued for one to fit the air-bagged, lowered car. The car ran horribly, the new distributor was messed up, the breaker plate and weights were bad, and the vacuum manifold hooked to vacuum advance and pulled full vacuum when started up. It ran like a four letter word unfit to print. The car was bought for \$4,000 but all the work put in it was worth \$10,000. It needed a lot of TLC and it got it; the car now is sporting new paint, new red interior, a new radiator from a 1970½ Falcon, and a whole lot more. This car can be seen on YouTube where a viewer's question is answered. Search "1968 Ford Falcon crushes walnuts" to and see the video and the car.

We have bought and sold many cars, but remember that what you see as half-full, others may see as half-empty. If you feel you paid too much, remember it's merely an auction where you set the price you want to pay. Buyer beware! It could be a good or bad experience when that ride arrives. Be prepared for anything. Falcons now are a lot like us aging folks, and with along age comes problems. These

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# Cruise to the Ocean State

July 9, 10, 11, 2015

2015 Nationals Update



## Thank You!

By now you should be aware the Northeast Chapter of the Falcon Club of America is hosting the National Falcon Convention at Warwick, Rhode Island, July 9–11, 2015. One of the highlights of Nationals is a collection of items that are raffled. The raffle is an opportunity for sponsors to showcase their products, for members to win an item, and for the host club to help defray its expenses.

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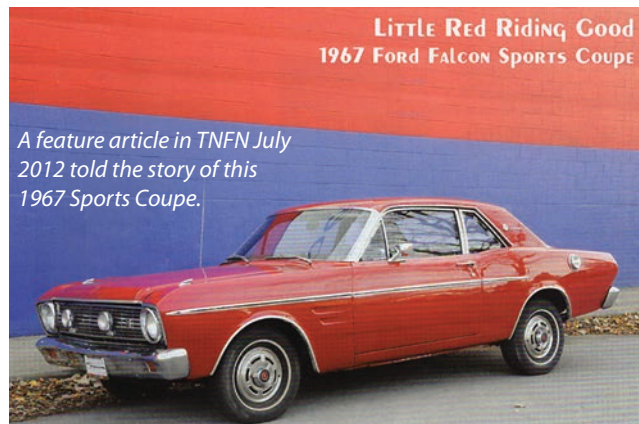
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cars are timeless classics that we all can fix up and enjoy. Go look at the car, then bid if you want it or don't bid if you don't want it. I guarantee there will be others. As Marshal Dillon used to say when the outlaw was ready to go for his gun, just "don't be a fool!"

—Bill Honor (FCA #6393)  
Ft. Wayne, Indiana



The cover of April 2008 TNFN issue featured this 1966 Falcon station wagon, also known as the "Coroner Car."



**LITTLE Red Riding Good**  
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A feature article in TNFN July 2012 told the story of this 1967 Sports Coupe.



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# FCA Regularly Scheduled Chapter Meetings

## **Alamo Chapter San Antonio, TX**

2nd Sun. monthly  
Pig Stand, 1508 Bdwy.  
San Antonio, TX  
210-626-2050

## **Arizona Chapter Phoenix, AZ**

2nd Sat. except June,  
July, Aug. at Berge Ford  
460 E. Auto Center Dr.  
Mesa, AZ  
480-888-0589

## **Bluegrass Chapter Louisville, KY**

2nd Sat. Mar., June,  
Sept., Dec. 4:00 PM  
Mark's Feed Store  
10316 Dixie Hwy.  
Valley Station, KY  
502-290-8716

## **Blue Ridge Chapter South Carolina**

3rd Sun. monthly  
Greer, SC  
864-879-1060

## **Capital City Chapter Austin, TX**

3rd Sat. monthly  
4:00 PM  
512-670-0544

## **Carolinas Chapter Charlotte, NC**

1st Mon. 7:00 PM  
Holiday Inn Express  
2491 Wonder Dr.  
Exit 60: I-85  
Kannapolis, NC  
704-736-1920

## **Central California Falcons Bakersfield, CA**

1st Tue. 7:00 PM  
Rosemary's Creamery  
F St.  
661-587-5839

## **Columbia River Chapter Vancouver, WA**

1st Thurs. monthly  
7:30 PM, Mar.–Nov.  
Benny's Rod & Custom  
Pizza Café  
4219 NE St. Johns Rd.  
Vancouver, WA  
360-225-7403

## **Early Falcon Car Club of Victoria, Inc. Australia**

1st Tue. 7:30 PM  
Cafe Hotel, Melbourne  
9369 1574

## **Founder's Chapter Arkansas**

2nd Sat. monthly  
501-605-1370

## **Gateway Chapter St. Louis, MO**

4th Sun. monthly  
636-677-4670

## **Golden Gate Chapter San Francisco, CA**

2nd Sat. odd months  
408-293-5848

## **Greater Ozarks Chapter Springfield, MO**

2nd Sun. even months  
Panera Bread  
N. Kansas Expressway  
Springfield MO. 2:00 PM  
417-761-2677

## **Hoosier Chapter Indiana**

1st Sun. monthly  
Edwards Drive-In  
2126 S. Sherman Dr.  
Indianapolis  
317-418-8301

## **Lone Star Chapter Mt. Pleasant, TX**

3rd Sun. monthly  
903-572-9593

## **Metro Detroit Chapter Detroit, MI**

1st Sun. bi-monthly  
Holiday Inn Southgate  
17201 Northline Road  
Southgate, MI  
313-382-2993

## **Mid America Chapter Kansas City**

1st Fri. monthly  
816-537-9330

## **Mile Hi Chapter Denver, CO**

3rd Fri. monthly  
303-857-9360

## **Music City Chapter Nashville, TN**

Monthly Meetings  
Call for dates/locations  
615-452-0321

## **Northeast Chapter New England**

3rd Sat. monthly  
northeastchapter.com  
401-823-1059

## **Northland Chapter Minneapolis, MN**

2nd Sun. odd months  
952-334-1653  
northland-falcons.com

## **Raptor Chapter Princeton, IL**

1st Sunday of each quarter  
815-200-6348

## **Rainier Chapter Seattle, WA**

Bi-monthly Jan–Nov.  
University Burgermaster  
3040 NE 45th St. 7.00 PM  
rainierfalcons.com  
206-290-3093

## **River City Chapter Sacramento, CA.**

2nd. Sat. even months  
12:00 PM  
Round Table Pizza  
1566 Howe Ave  
Sacramento, CA  
209-957-0974

## **So-Cal Falcons Pasadena, CA**

2nd Sat. bi-monthly  
805-583-4403

## **Sooner Falcons Oklahoma City**

3rd Sat. monthly  
405-820-4808

## **Sonoma County Santa Rosa, CA**

1st Thurs. monthly  
707-539-2860

## **Southeast Chapter Georgia**

1st Sun. monthly  
770-887-6268

## **Space City Chapter Houston, TX**

2nd Sat. monthly, 6:00 PM  
Prince's Drive-In  
I-45 & Fuqua  
713-703-5110

## **Star City Falcon Club Roanoke, VA**

Monthly meetings  
Call for date/location.  
540-254-1515

## **Third Coast Chapter Houston, TX**

3rd Sat. even months,  
5:30 PM  
Valley Ranch BBQ  
22548 SH 249  
at Spring Cypress  
281-467-4607

## **Virginia Falcons Richmond, VA**

2nd Sun. of March, June,  
September and December  
757-646-3222

## **Wheat State Chapter Wichita, KS**

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